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Art Unit: 1743

In re Application of: RICHARD A. MATHIES, et al.

Serial No.: 09/199,655

Filed: November 25, 1998

For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Certified copy of Patent Application No. filed from which priority is claimed under 35 USC §119.

Supplemental IDS along with one (1) reference.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	32	Minus	30	2	X 9 X 18	36
IND. CLAIMS	4	Minus	3	1	X 39 X 78	78
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				+ 260 + 130		
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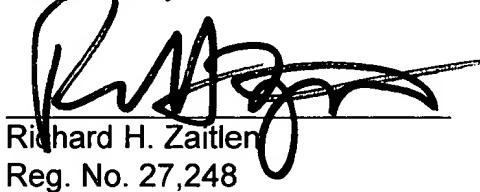
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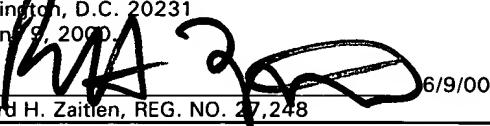
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